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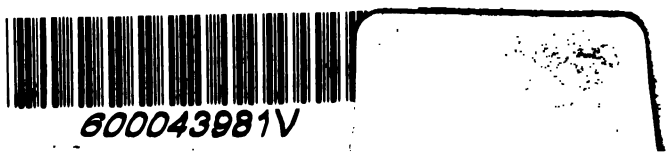

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# PREFACE.

THE laborious taſk of diſciplining *a new Regiment*, firſt ſuggeſted about three years ſince to the compiler the Idea of drawing *The Eighteen Movements*, and annexing the words of Command, as ordered by HIS MAJESTY'S Regulations of June 1792; each of which he concluded by bringing the Regiment to its Original Poſition in Line.

The Aſſiſtance which he derived from this method, both in acquiring, and conveying inſtruction, made him conceive that a workof this kind would be of great Utility; particularly to Young Officers who are required in the Common Courſe of duty to have a *practical knowledge* of what is to be performed in the Field long before it can be ſuppoſed, that they have made themſelves maſters of the whole of the *Theory*, contained in Major General Dundas's Publication.

This Idea and the ſolicitations of ſome of his Military Acquaintance have induced him to offer to the Public this Abridgement, relying on their candour for its ſucceſs.

If in the preſent age, when Military Science is likely to render its poſſeſſor materially ſerviceable to His Country this feebly eſſay ſhall be found uſeful to the Young Soldier, the Author will eſteem himſelf more than fortunate; On the rectitude of his intentions, and his invariable adherence to the King's regulations, he reſts his hope of the Indulgence, of all thoſe, whoſe experience & profeſſional knowledge, have rendered them judges of any imperfections it may have.

## RECEIVING and PASSING the GENERAL.

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies* | *No. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| | Present, Arms. | 72 | - - - - - - - - - | 1st. In Open Order. |
| | Shoulder, Arms. | | | |
| | Rear Ranks take close Order. | | | |
| | March. - - - | 73 | - - - - - - - - - | 2d. In Close Order. |
| | Companies on your left Backwards wheel, | 108 | | |
| | March. - - - - - | 80 | Halt, Dress. - - - | 3d. In Open Column. |
| | March. | 116 (*) 51 | Halt. Left Wheel, Halt, Dress. March. | |
| | | | Eyes Right. | Officers change flanks Drummers go to left of Companies. |
| | | 32 | Rear Ranks take Open Order. | 4th. Passing the General. |
| | | | Rear Ranks take Close Order. | 5th. 30 paces past the General. |
| | Halt. | | Eyes Left. | |
| | Support Arms. | | | |
| | Quick, March. | | | |
| | Carry Arms. | | | |
| | Halt, | | | |
| | March, | | | |
| | Halt. | | | |
| | Left wheel in to Line, | | | |
| | March. | | Halt - - Dress | Last in Line. |
| † | With Cartridges. | | | |
| | Prime & Load. | | | |

*(*) These Commands will be repeated at each Angle adding the word* Quick *to March when in Quick time.*

*(†) Previous to this Command the Major (if required) will put the Regiment through the manual & platoon exercises the first in Open, the latter in Close Order. -- In the Manual Bayonets are unfixed at Open Order & Arms Shouldered before Officers take Post in the rear,* they do not sheath their swords *the whole time of the Review. —— In the Column Section in* K: R: *will be found the Number of the Section in the King's Regulations, describing the manner of performing the movement to which Such Number is annexed.*

N. B. *As the succession of the* 18 *Movements, do not follow in the successive arrangement of general instruction in His Majesty's Regulations, it will be necessary for the reader to look over the whole of this Book, before he attempts any of the movements, unless he is already well acquainted with the general principles of them; because he will sometimes find Rules or Remarks necessarily placed to a succeeding movement, which are also applicable to a preceding one.*

Inspection or Review begins at Page 310
The Eighteen Movements at Page 320
} *King's Regulations.*

INSPECTION
OR
REVIEW
OPEN ORDER
CSQM
A
M
1st Position
CO
LC
CLOSE ORDER
Staff
CSQM
Music
Pioneers
Drums
M
LC
A
2nd Position
Open Column Right in Front
LAST WHEEL
1st WHEEL
P. M.
CO
LC
3d Position
Receiving and Passing the General
4th
Music begins
Open Order
Salute
Close Order
Mus.
Pion.

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## I. *Movement, Close Column behind the Grenadiers & deploy on a Rear Division.*

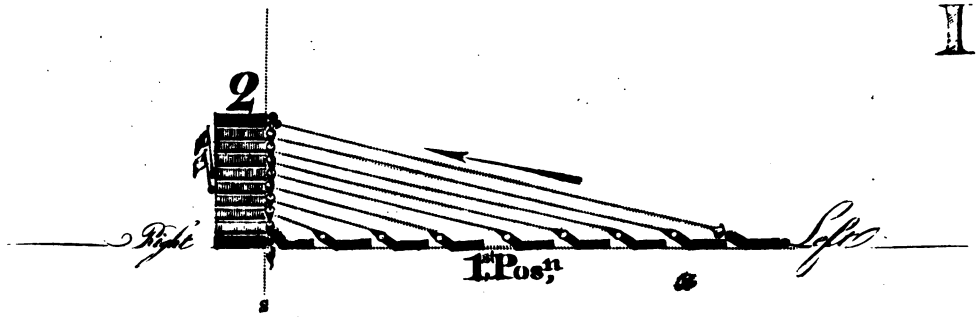
| COMMANDING OFFICER. | | Section in K. E. | COMMANDS by Officers of Companies | No. of Positions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| Form close Column of Companies behind the Grenadiers. - - | | | | 1st. In Line. |
| | Right, Face, | 137 | | |
| | Quick, March, - - | | Halt, Front, Dress. | 2d. In close Column. |
| Alternate Companies form Column of Grand-divisions. - * | Left, Face. | 147 | | |
| | March. - - - - - - | | Halt, Front. - - - | 3d. Left Companies |
| | | | March, Halt, Dress. | drawn out |
| Close distance to the front- - - - - † | March. - - - - - | | Halt, Dress. - - - | 4th. Column closed. |
| Column will take ground to the Right & on the March deploy on the Rear Grand-division - - - - - ‡ | Right, Face, Quick, March, Rear Grand division | | | |
| | Halt, Front - - | | Dress, March. | 5th. Deploying into |
| | 2d. Grand division, | | Halt, Dress. | Line to the Right. |
| | Halt, Front. - - | | Dress, March. | |
| | 3d. Grand division, | | Halt, Dress. | |
| | Halt, Front. - - | | Dress, March. | |
| | 4th. Grand division, | | Halt, Dress. | |
| | Halt, Front. - - | | Dress, March. | |
| | 5th. Grand division, | | Halt. Dress. | |
| | Halt, Front. - - | | Dress. - - - - - - | Last in Line. |

* *Alternate Companies face to Pivot flank ( In this case left Companies face to left ) All Supernumeraries & drums &c, go to Rear. ---- The Grand division in which the Colours are, will out flank on the hand not the Pivot one.*

† *In close Column of Grand divisions one Officer on each Flank. ---- The Officer on inward Flank always dresses the division, then Returns to the Right of his Company ( if not already there ) where in his absence his Covering Serjeant has preserved his place see Page* 381 *K; R;*

‡ *When the Column deploys on a Rear division, it faces* from Pivot flank *& an under Officer is sent from Rear division to the Pivot flank of the front one ( here the left ) to Mark the Ground on which the Rear division is to be dressed.*

N. B. *The Pages of the King Regulations Referred to, are not always to be found by the Sections in the Column; as in this case Page* 381 *above mentioned in* Note *does not contain Section* 147 *in Column above, but it refers to it.*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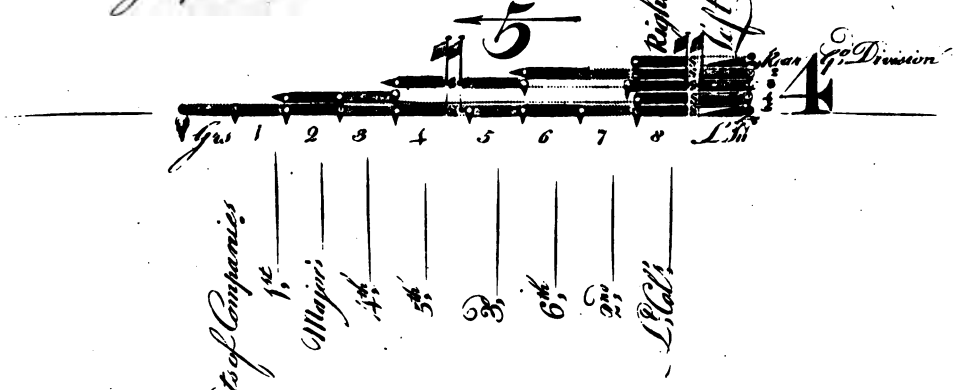
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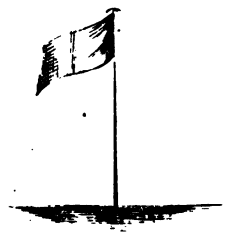
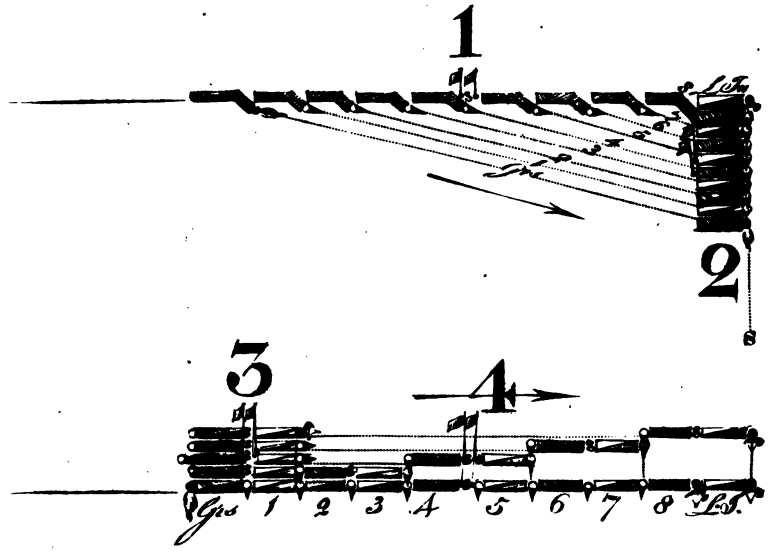


## II. *Close Column in front of Left Company and Deploy on a Front Division.*

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies.* | *Nº. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| Form close Column of Companies in front of the Light Company. - - - - - - - - | Left, Face, Quick, March. - | 137 | Halt, Front, Dress. | 1st. In Line.<br>2d. In close Column of Companies. |
| Alternate Compes. will form Column of Grand divisions - - | Left, Face, March. - - - - - | 147 | Halt, Front. March, Halt, Dress. | |
| Close distance to the Front. - - - - | March. - - - - | | Halt, Dress. - - - | 3d. In close Column of Grand divisions. |
| Column will take ground to the Left & on the March deploy on the Front Grand division. - - - - * | Left Face, Quick, March. | | | |
| | Front Grand division. | | | |
| | Halt, Front. - - | | Dress. | |
| | 2d. Grand division, Halt Front, - - - | | Dress. March. | |
| | 3d. Grand division, Halt, Front, - - - | | Halt, Dress. - - - Dress. March. | 4th. Deploying into Line. |
| | 4th. Grand division, Halt, Front, - - - | | Halt, Dress. - - - Dress. March. | |
| | 5th. Grand division, Halt, Front, - - - | | Halt, Dress. - - - Dress. March. | |
| | | | Halt, Dress. - - - | Last in Line. |

* *When the Column deploys on front Division it faces* to *Pivot flank.*
*For other Remarks see first Movement.*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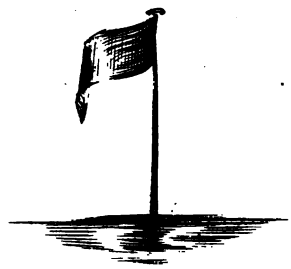

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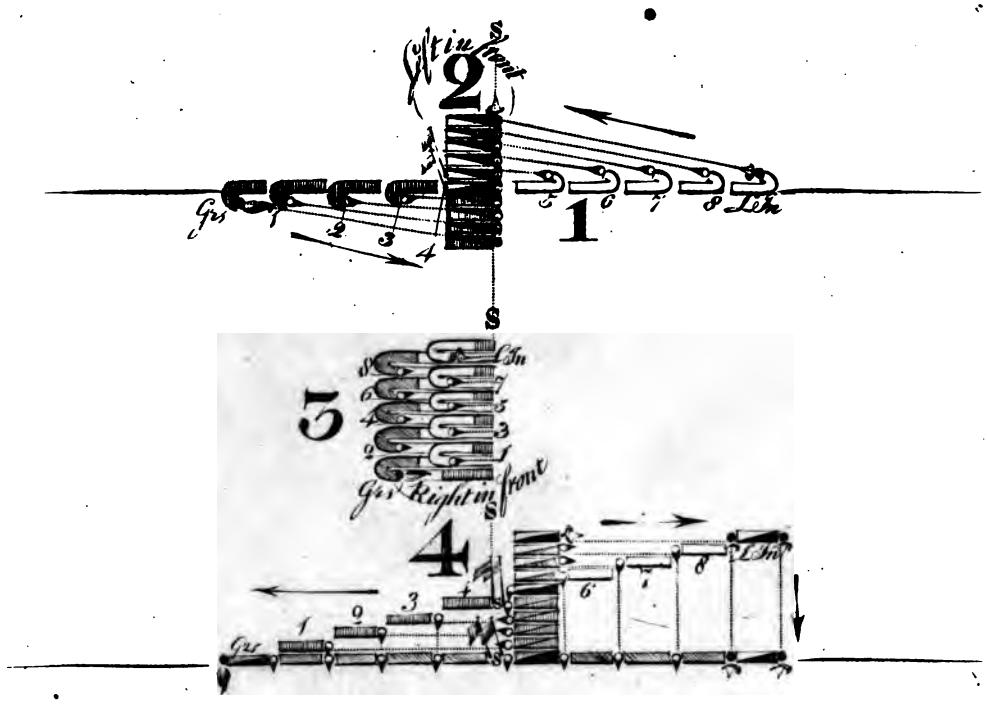
## III. *Close Column on a Central Company facing to the Rear,*

| COMMANDING OFFICER. | | Section in K. R. | COMMANDS by Officers of Companies. | Nos. of Positions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| Form close Column of Companies on the fourth Company facing to the Rear with left in front. | | | | 1st. In Line. |
| | | 138 | Right, Face, Quick, March. Halt, Front, Dress. | |
| | Outwards Face - - Left Countermarch Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Front, Dress. | 2d. In close Column, Left in front. |
| The Column will Countermarch - - - | Left Face | | | |
| Even Divisions * - | Quick, March. Halt. | 134 | | |
| The Whole Countermarch. - - - - † | Quick, March. | | Halt, Front, Dress. | 3d. Countermarching to the Left. |
| The Line will form on Fifth Company - - | Outwards Face Quick, March - - | 146 | Halt, Front- - - ‡ March, Halt, Dress. | 4th. Deploying in to Line. |
| | | | | Last in Line. |

* *Even divisions or Companies are every other division reckoning from the head of Column whether Right or Left in front. -- In this Case they are Right Companies. -- When Right in front they will be Left Companies.*

† *In Countermarching always Face* from *Pivot flank. The march will be* to *Pivot flank — If faced to Right Countermarch to Right. -- If faced to Left Countermarch to left as in this case; Except in facing Outwards when the proper hand will be named by Caution* *see Pages* 158 *and* 159.

‡ *In deploying on a Central Company each Officer leads, untill he arrives at the Outward Flank of the One on which his Company is to form, he then halts in his own person, & permits his Serjeant to lead the Company on in his place, attending timeously to give the Commands Halt, Front, and prevent the Company from Overstepping the ground on which it is to dress up.*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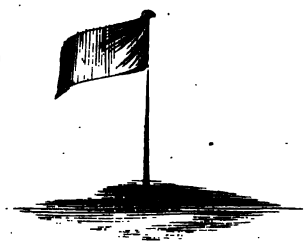

## IV. *Change of Position in Open Column.*

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| | Companies on the left backward wheel Quick, March. - - | 108 | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 1ſt. In line<br>2d. In open Column Right in front. |
| | March. | 111 | | |
| Enter the new Alignement. - - - | - - - - - - - - - | 52 | Right Shoulders forward. - - - - * | 3d. Wheeling at an intermediate point. |
| | | | Forward. | |
| | Halt. - - - - - - - | - - | - - - - - - - - - | 4th. The 4 leading Companies are arrived in the alignement. |
| Rear Companies will file into the new Alignement. - - - - | Right, Face, Quick, March - - | 126 | Halt, Front, Dreſs.† | 5th. The rear Companies filing into new Alignement. |
| | Left wheel into line, Quick, March,- - | 118 | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | Laſt wheeled into line. |

* *Repeated by each Officer ſucceſſively on entering the new Alignement.*

† *Repeated by each Officer when the Pivot of his Company arrives in the new Alignement, which point is marked by a Serjeant.*

*In Open or cloſe Column when Right in front the left flank is the Pivot one, & when left in front the Right is the Pivot — Drummers always on Reverſe flank from the pivot or in the rear, except while paſſing the General.*

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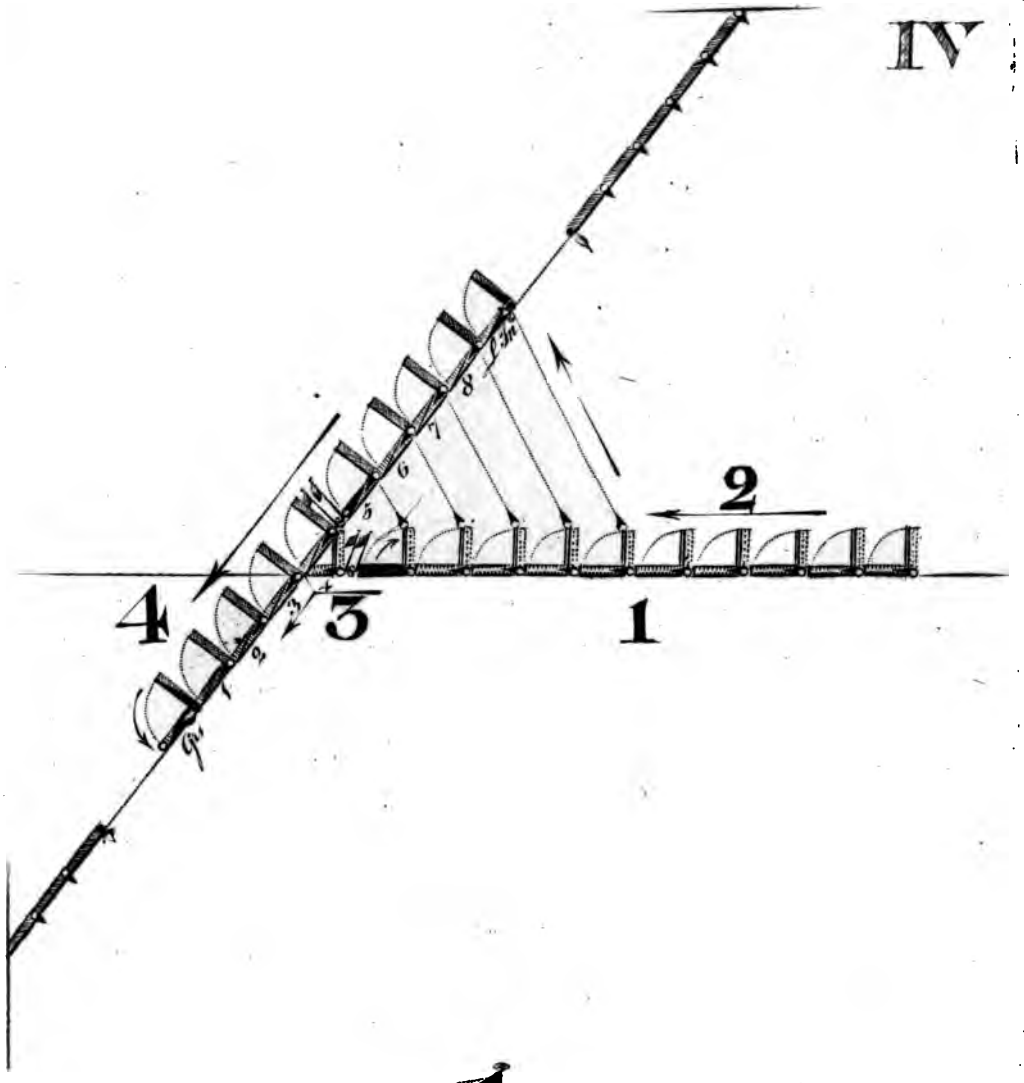


## V. *Right Wing thrown back by* ECHELLON.

| COMMANDING OFFICER. | | Section in K. R. | COMMANDS by Officers of Companies | N°. of Positions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| The left Company will wheel 4 paces, the other Companies 2 paces, on the left Backwards. - - - - | Quick, March. - - | 16c | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 1ſt. In line.<br>2nd. In Echellon. |
| Form line on left Company. | Right about face.<br>March. | | Left Shoulders forward.<br>Halt. Front.<br>Dreſs, back. | Laſt in line. |

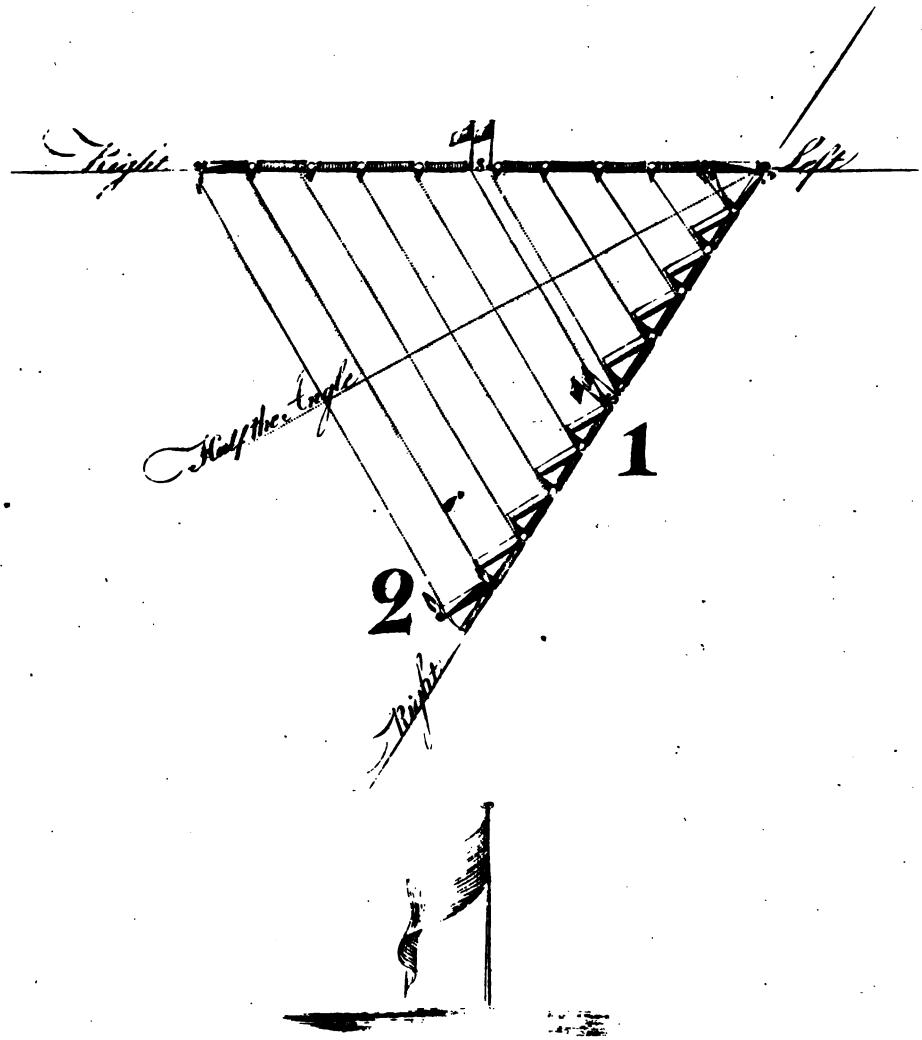
N. B. *The Officers in all Situation of Echellon, ſhould be on the flank which next covers or joins the preceding Company's flank, and in caſe of being faced about, they muſt change flanks. The moſt general Situation is the flank not the Pivot one, called the reverſe flank.*

*The Wheels into echellon are always leſs than the quarter circle -- 6 paces of 33 inches each taken backwards or forwards at the 8th. file from the Standing flank (* which is always the file to which the named number of paces is applied *) is a three quarter wheel, or three Sixteenths of the Circle, 4 paces in like manner is a half wheel or one Eight of the Circle, 2 paces a quarter wheel or one Sixteenth of the Circle ſee page 246 K: R:*

*When the Companies conſiſt of* 18 *Files each or upwards, the Battalion muſt be faced about, and wheeled forward inſtead of backward; but wheeling from the proper front is preferable, when it can be done. See page 248 K: R:*

*It is a general Rule in echellon that in whatever direction the line is intended, the Companies Should wheel only one half of the Angle, which the new poſition makes with the old one, except the named Company, which Should be dreſſed on the new line on a diſtant point; for Should they at firſt wheel the whole of that angle, they would be then marching parallel to the new line and arrive in it doubled behind each other; whereas by having the other half of the wheel to complete when they come near to the new poſition each moves in a perpendicular direction and diſengages the ground required by the ſucceeding one to form upon. See page 257 K. R.*

*For dreſſing back See page 259 K. R.*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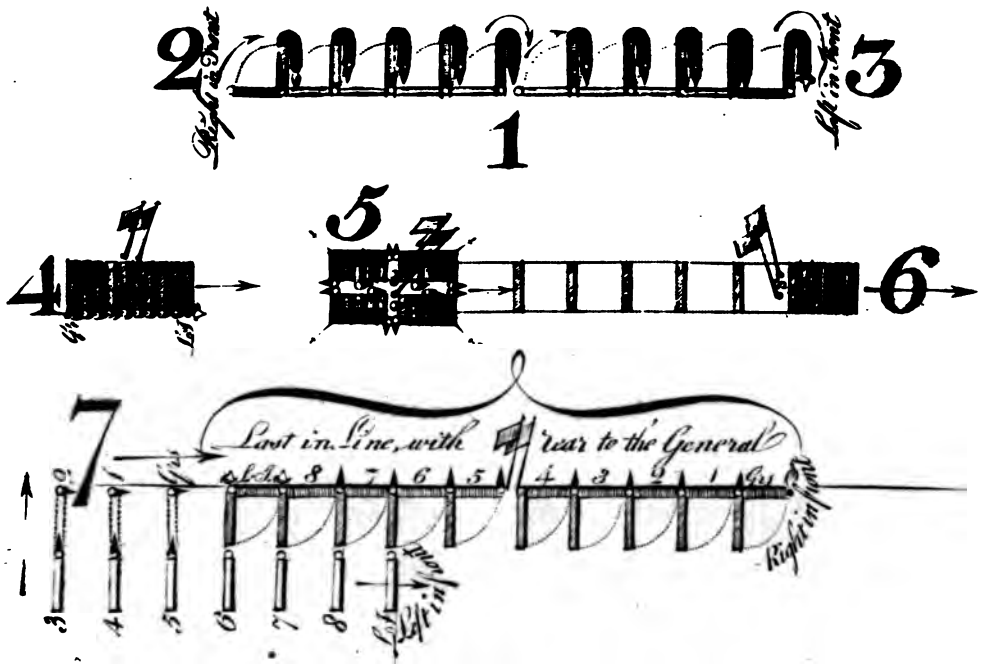
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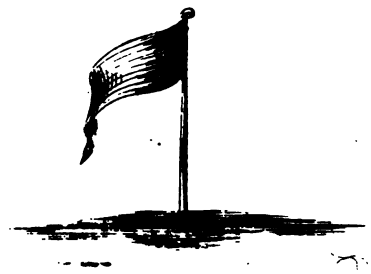


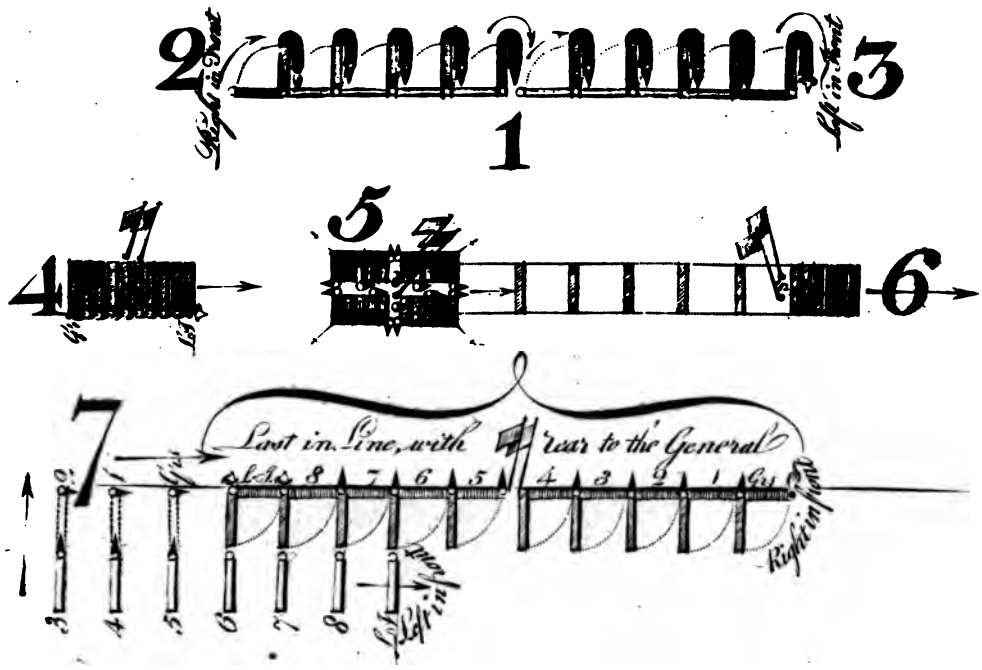
## VI. *Countermarch, Change of Posiion — Solid Square, &c.*

| COMMANDING OFFICER. | | Section in K. R. | COMMANDS by Officers of Companies. | N°. of Positions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| | Companies on the left Backwards wheel, Quick, March. - - | 108 | Halt, Dreſs. | 1ſt. In Line.<br>2d. In open Column. Right in front. |
| Companies will Countermarch. - - Column. - - - - Leading Company - | Right face, March. March. Halt. | 100 | Halt, Front, Dreſs. | 3d. Column, Countermarched. |
| Cloſe to the Head of Column - - - - - | Quick, March - - | 138 | Halt, Dreſs. | 4th. Column Cloſed |
| Prepare for Firing.† Form cloſe Column, Column will advance | Form Square. * Outwards face, Quick, March. - - - - - - - - - Quick, March. March. | 189 | | 5th. Solid Square. |
| Take Open diſtance from the Rear. - - - | - - - - - - - - - | 153 | Rear Company, Halt, Dreſs. - - - - 2d. D°. Halt, Dreſs. 3d. D°. Halt, Dreſs. and ſo on untill all are halted at wheeling Diſtance. | 6th. Column opening from the Rear. |
| Column will change its head by the Countermarch of companies from the Rear to the front. - - - - | Right wing to the Rear. - - - - - - - | 101 | Rear Company, left Face. - - - - - - Quick, March. Halt, Front, March. and ſo on in Succeſſion to the laſt Company, which will be the Light Infantry, as the Grenadiers *were* in the rear of Column but *are now* in front. Halt, Dreſs. | 7th. Filing by each Company to the left |
| Column - - - - - | Halt. - - - - - - - Left wheel into line, Quick, March. - - | | | |

For Countermarching ſee Note on 3d. Movement.

* *An interval of 2 paces is made in the Centre by each Subdiviſion taking 1 ſide ſtep to each flank. The 2 rear Companies and four files on each flank of all the Companies except the firſt and laſt face Outwards. The 5th. file and front Rank Man of 6th. file of all the Companies except the 2 firſt and 2 laſt fill the intervals between their own and preceding diviſion.*

† *At this Caution the 2 firſt Ranks kneel and Slope their Bayanets The two next Ranks fire Standing. Officers dreſs back with 3d. Rank while firing.*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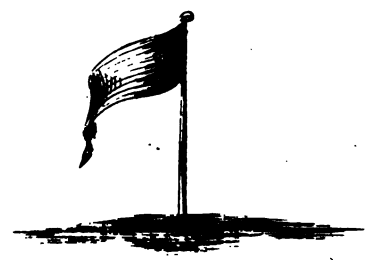

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VII. *Countermarch by Files in the Centre of Battalion*

| COMMANDING OFFICER | | | COMMENCE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Centre.* | *Command.* | | *by Officers of Companies.* | *No. of Paces.* |
| The Battalion will Countermarch, from which the Centre by Files. | By Wings inwards Files. | 32 | | 16 in Line. |
| | By Wings 3 files Steps to the Right * | | | 24 Countermarching |
| | March. | | | |
| | March. | | Front, Dress. | Last in Line. |

* *If 4 in deep only two side Steps to Right.*

*The Colours are not to change their Front until all are dressed, which will be done instantly and successively as each Company arrives on its Ground by its own Officer.*

*N.B. Another method of changing Front described in Section 99 is Countermarching the Battalion in open Column on a central Company which will be Wheeled about or Countermarched by Files, One of the Wings will be faced about, and both wings Wheeled inwards, by Companies or Subdivisions, then marched. One wing along the Rear, and the other along the Front, of the formed Company and then Wheeled into their respective places, and dressed on those already arranged in Line.*

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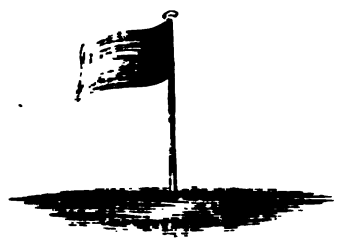


## VIII. *March in Open Column Left in Front*

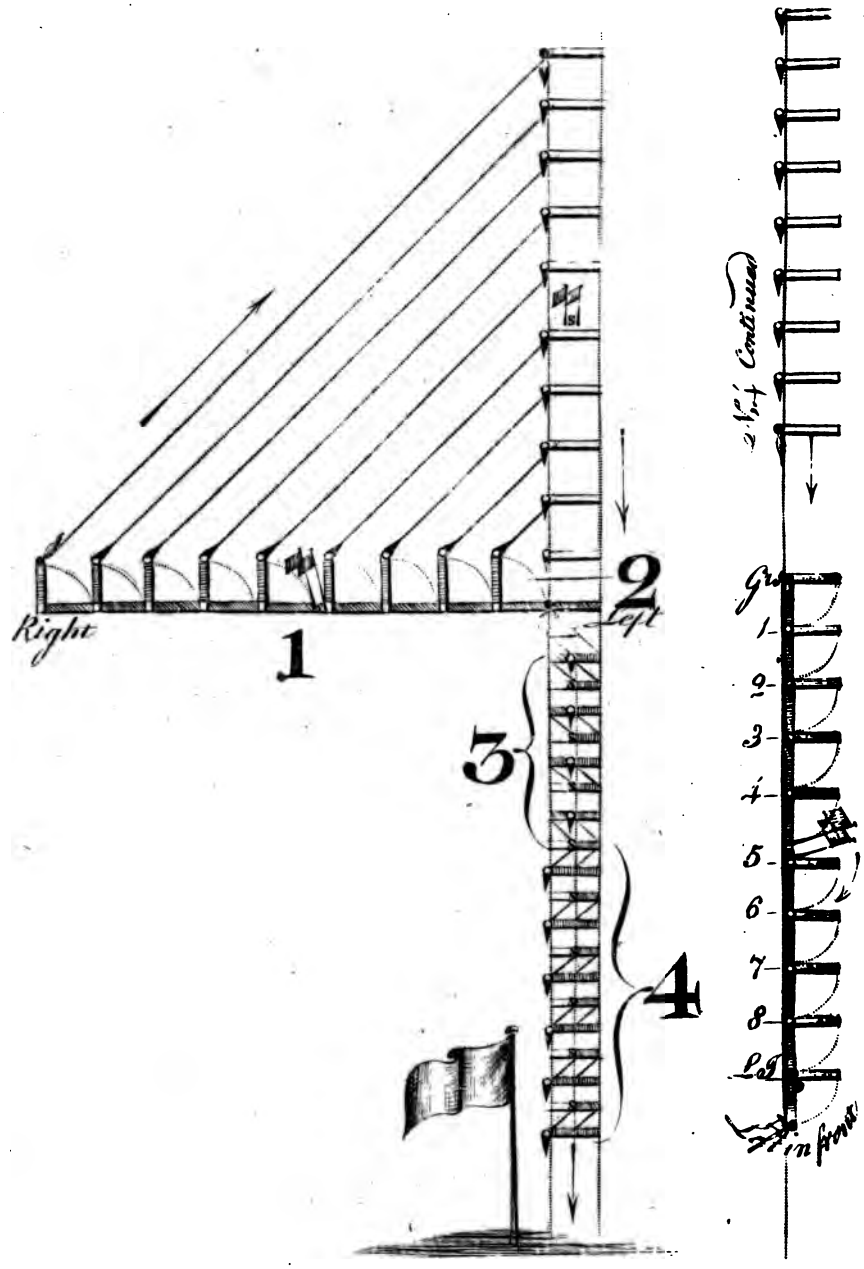
| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies.* | *Nº. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| Form open Column behind the Light Company - - - - - | Companies Right backwards Wheel, Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 1ſt. In Line.<br>2d. In open Column left in Front. |
| | Left, Face. Quick, March. - - | 121 | Halt, Front, Dreſs. * | |
| Column will advance | March. | | | |
| | Form Subdiviſions. | 87 | Right Subdiviſion Mark time. Left Quick Oblique forward. | 3d. |
| | Form Companies. | 88 | Right Subdiviſion, Right oblique, Quick, March, Forward, Ordinary. | 4th. |
| | Halt. Right wheel into Line, Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | |

(*) *To be repeated by Officers of ſuch Companies as have arrived in the new Alignement before the head of the Column began to advance: The other Officers will give in due time* Front turn ( *inſtead of Halt, Front, Dreſs*) *and take up the ſtep of Leading Company.*

N.B. *In forming Subdiviſions, if Right in front, Left Subdiviſions Oblique behind the right Subdiviſions, When Left in Front (as here) Right Subdiviſions Oblique behind the Left. — In increaſing the Front each Subdiviſion Obliques to its former place. See page* 60 *K. R.*

*The diminiſhing, and encreaſing, the Front of the whole Column is done at once, in this caſe. See page* 141 *K. R.*

*For General Rule, In change of Poſition by Open Column. See page* 172. *K. R.*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## IX. *ECHELLON change of Position from Open Column.*

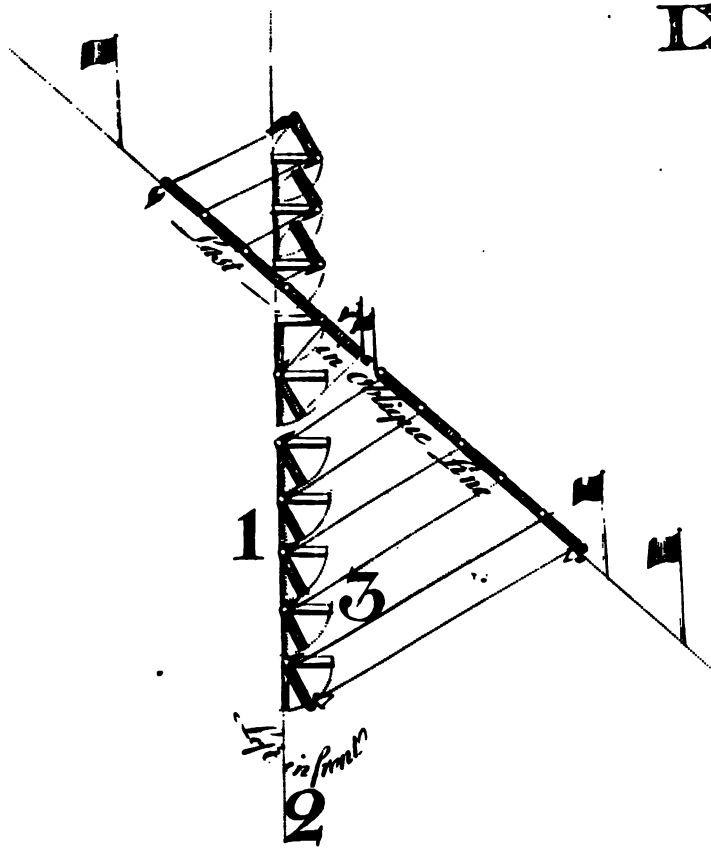
| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. E.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies* | *N°. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| | By Companies on the right backwards wheel. | | | 1ſt. In Line. |
| | Quick, March. - - | 109 | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 2d. In open Column Left in front. |
| The third Company will wheel 4 paces, other Companies 6 paces on the left backwards. | - - - - - - - - - | 158 | Third Company 4 paces left backwards wheel. Quick, March. Halt, Dreſs. | |
| | Frent Companies, Right about, face. 6 paces Left backwards wheel. Quick, March. | 159 | - - - - - - - - - - | 3d. In Echellon. |
| Form Line on 3d. Company. - - - - - | March. | | Right Shoulders forward. Halt, Dreſs. - - - | Laſt in Line. |

(*) *Front Companies only are fronted the others having their proper front.*

N.B. *When a new Line is formed on a central Company by Echellon, from Open Column, the Companies in its front will Wheel on the proper Pivot flank, (here the Right) and theſe in its Rear on the Reverſe flank; ſuch being the flanks that firſt arrive in Line.*

*When Echellon is formed from Open Column, it will be neceſſary, (in Order to obtain the half of Angle deſcribed in 5th. Movement) for the Companies to Wheel a* greater number of paces *than the named central Company inſtead of a* leſs number *as in Echellon from Line.*

*In performing this or other Echellons (when not in the Succeſſion of the Eighteen) the principal attention will be, that the named Company be well dreſſed on a given diſtant point, without Regard to any certain number of paces; then, the Officer Commanding will Order a wheel of as many paces, as will place the Companies on* half *that Angle.*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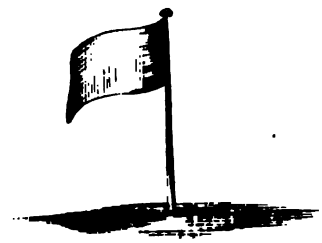

## X. *A New Line by Echellon.*

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS* | *N°. of Poſitions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | *by Officers of Companies* | |
| The Light Company will wheel four Paces --- The other Companies two Paces to the Left forward - - - * | Quick, March. | 159 | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 1ſt. In Line.<br>2nd. In Echellon. |
| Form Line on the Left Company - - - | March. - - - - - | | Right Shoulders forward<br>Halt, Dreſs, - - - | Laſt In Line. |

(*) *Here the Officer Commanding is ſuppoſed to have aſcertained that a Wheel of 4 paces to the left forward, will place the Light Company exactly on a line with the diſtant point* S, *which is always determined by the eye of the Commanding Officer at the Moment.*

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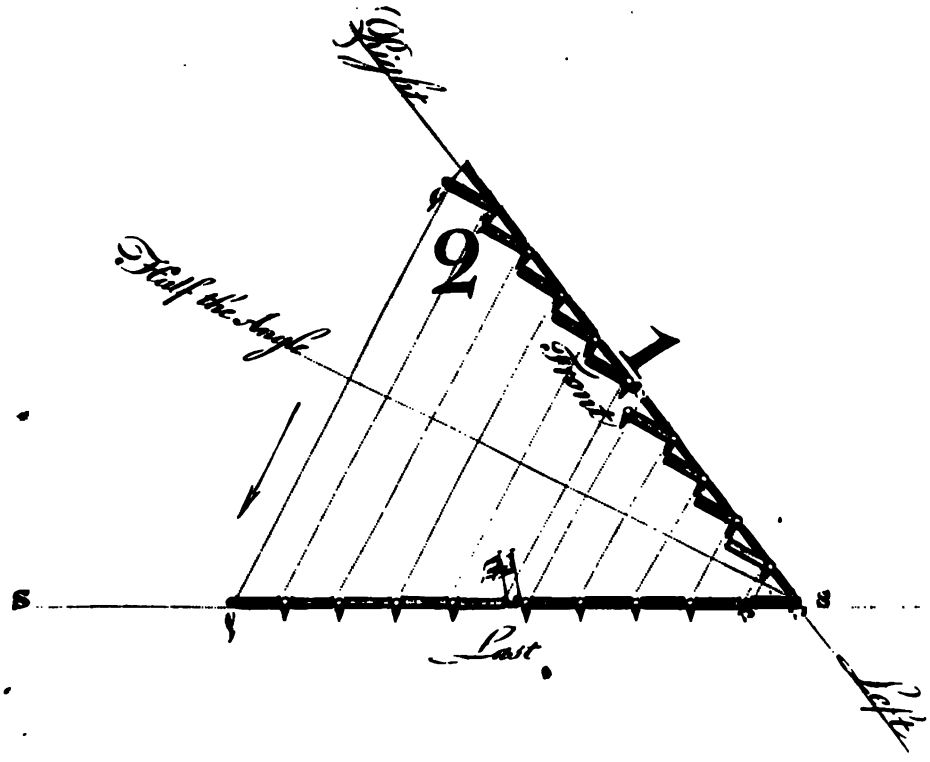


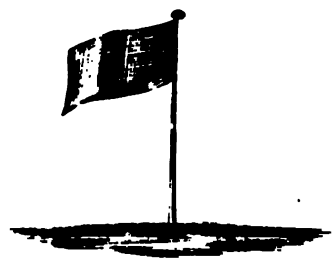

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## XI. *Change of Position by Filing to the Right.*

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies.* | *N°. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| Battalion - - - - | Right Face - - - | | | 1ſt. The Line. faced to Right. |
| | March. | 94 | | |
| | Form open Column of Companies - - | 95 | Dreſs- - - - - - - | 2nd. Forming Column on the March. |
| | Halt. | | | |
| | Left Wheel into Line - - - - * | | | |
| | Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | Laſt in Line. |

(*) *Here the Light Company files to Rear and covers the Colours.*

*The Officers being out of the Ranks ( Serjeants replace them ) and filing with the flank front rank Man of their Company whether faced to Right or Left, are of uſe in preſerving the Line and Step* ——— *This will always take place whenever more than one Company is to March in File.*

N. B. *The Pivot files in a Column forming on the March, from Battalion filing to either Flank, are always the following ones.*

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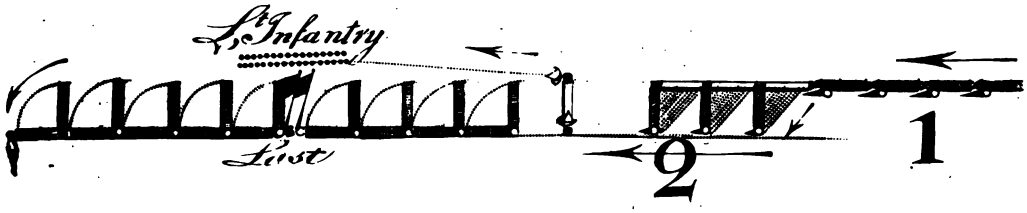


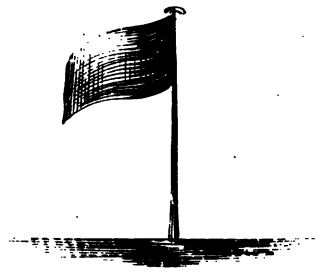

## XII. *Retreat in Line and by Alternate Companies.*

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies.* | *Nº. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| The Battalion will Retire. - - - | Right about Face<br>March.<br>Halt, Front. | | | 1ſt. In Line with the Light Infantry in Rear in 4 Subdiviſions. |
| Fire 2 Rounds from Centre to Flanks, by Companies. - - - - | | 168 | | |
| | Left Companies, | | Toon Ready, - - | 2nd. Firing from |
| | Ready, p'ſent, fire. | | P'ſent, Fire. | Centre to Flanks. |
| Retire by alternate Companies. - - - - | Right about Face.<br>March. Halt, Front.<br>Prime and Load. | | | 3d. Retreating by alternate Companies. |
| | Right Companies,<br>Ready, p'ſent, Fire. | | | |
| | Right about Face. | 176 | | |
| | March. Halt, Front.<br>Prime and Load. | | | |
| | Left Companies form Line on Right Companies,<br>Right about Face.<br>March. Halt, Front.<br>Prime and Load. | | Dreſs. | |
| The Battalion will Retire in Line.- - - | Right about Face.<br>March. Halt, Front. | | | Laſt Retreating in Line. |

*In retreating by alternate Companies, Officers should be on inward Flanks ; one Colour with its proper Company to each Wing, a directing Serjeant leads 6 paces before it.*

*Light Infantry fills Intervals, and occaſionally Fire.*

*Each Line is Commanded by a Field Officer.*

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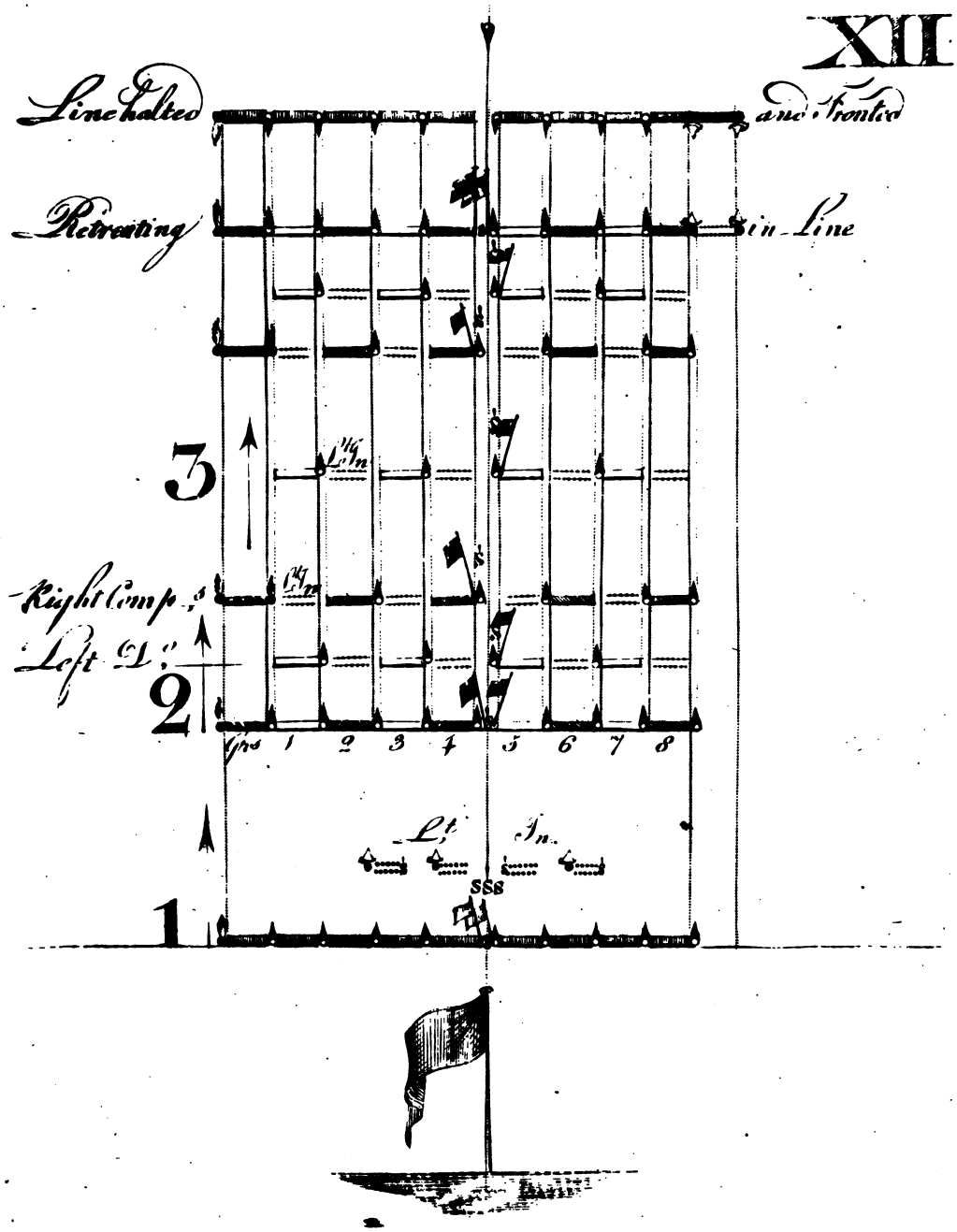
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## XIII. *March to Right Flank in Echellon.*

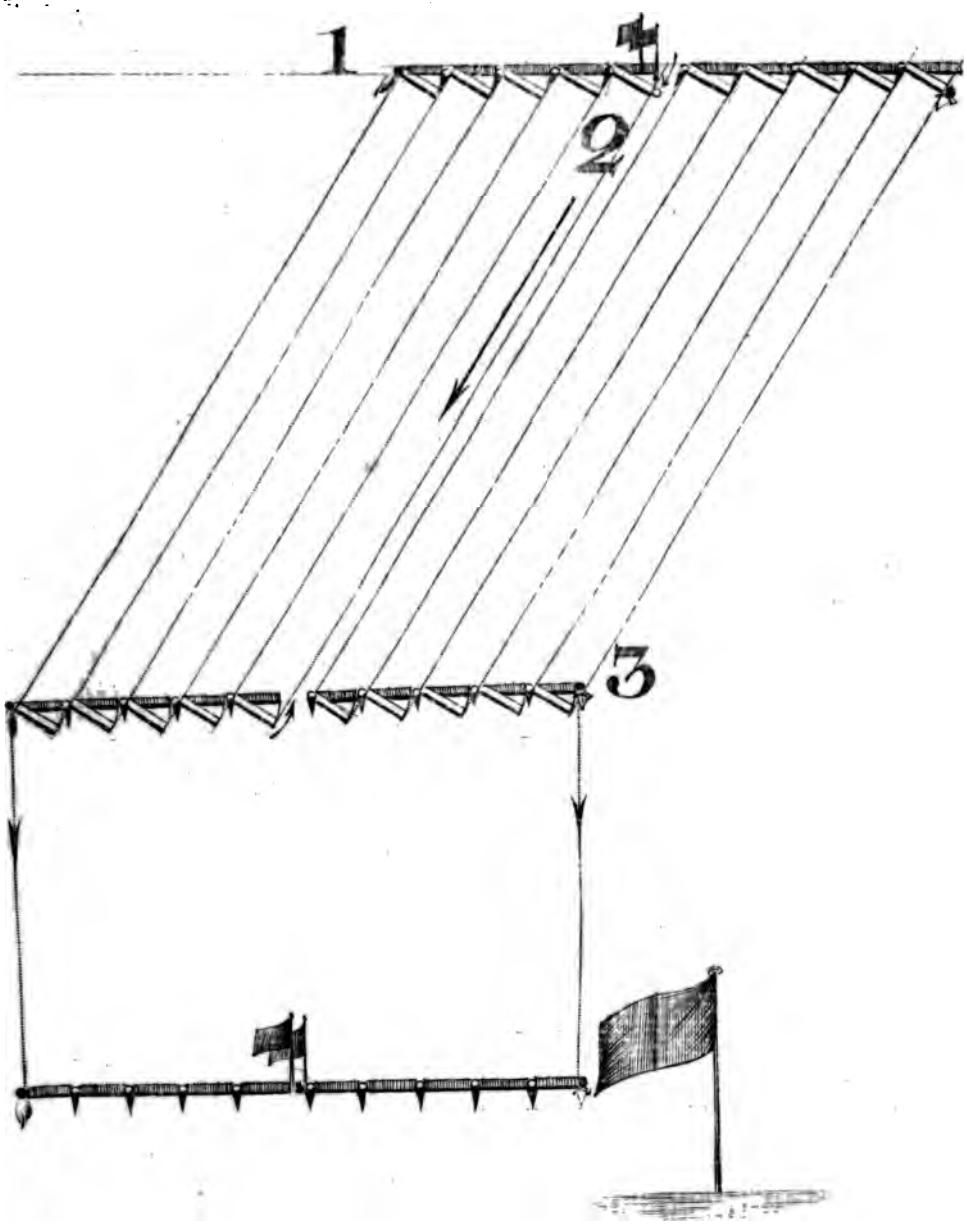
| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. E.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies* | *No. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| | Companies 4 Paces to the Right forward Wheel. - - - - - | | | 1ſt. In Line. |
| | Quick, March. - - | 154 | Halt, Dreſs. | 2nd. In Echellon. |
| Battalion will advance in Echellon. - - | March. - - - - | 155 | | |
| | Wheel back into Line. * | | | |
| | Forward. † | | | 3d. Wheeling back into Line on the march without Halting. |
| | Halt. - - - - - | 156 | | |
| Fire 3 Rounds by Companies from Flanks to Centre. - | | | Toon, Ready, P'ſent, Fire. - - | Laſt in Line Firing. |

(*) *At this Command Right Pivots mark time, and bring up their Right ſhoulders while the reſt dreſs back into Line.*

(†) *At this the whole Line being dreſſed move forward.*

*For Remarks on Echellon look back at 5th. 9th. and 10th. Movements.*

*If the Battalion has hitherto been formed two deep, it will now form 3 Deep, if its Companies are of 10 files each.*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## XIV. *Movements in Hollow Square.*

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS* | *N°. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | *by Officers of Companies* | |
| The Battalion will form an hollow Square on the 4th. 5th. and 6th. Companies- - - | | | | 1ſt. In Line. |
| | Companies 4 Paces backward Wheel, Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 2nd. In Echellon. |
| | Right about Face, March. - - - - - - | | Halt, Front, Dreſs. - | 3d. In Square. |
| The Square will March by left front Angle- - - - - - * | Right & Rear Faces, Right about Face. By Subdiviſions right & Left Half Weel, Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 4th. Marching by left Angle of front Face. |
| | March, Halt, Front, Square - - - | | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | |
| The Square will March to the Left - | Right, Face, to the Right about Face. | 178 | | |
| | Front & Rear Faces, by Subdiviſions outwards Wheel, Quick, March.- - | | Halt, Dreſs, | 5th. Marching by left Face. |
| | March. Halt, Front, Square - - - | | Halt, Dreſs. | |
| The Square will march to the Rear- - | Front. Face, To the Right about, Face. | | | |
| | Right & Left Faces, By Subdiviſions outwards Wheel, Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs. | 6th. Marching by rear Face. |
| | March. Halt, Front, Square - - - | | Halt, Dreſs. | |
| Fire 2 Rounds by Companies from Right to left of each Company *or as may be Ordered.* † | | | Toon, ready, P'ſent, Fire. | |
| Form Line on the front face. - - - - - | By Companies 4 Paces outwards wheel, Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs - - - | 7th. Forming in Line by Echellon. |
| | March - - - - - | | Right (or left) Shoulders forwards, Halt, Dreſs - - - | Laſt in Line, Light Infantry in the Rear. |

(*) *This should be a perfect Square of* 8 *companies but it may be done with care by* 10

(†) *Here front rank kneels & ſlope their Bayonets the other ranks fire ſtanding.*

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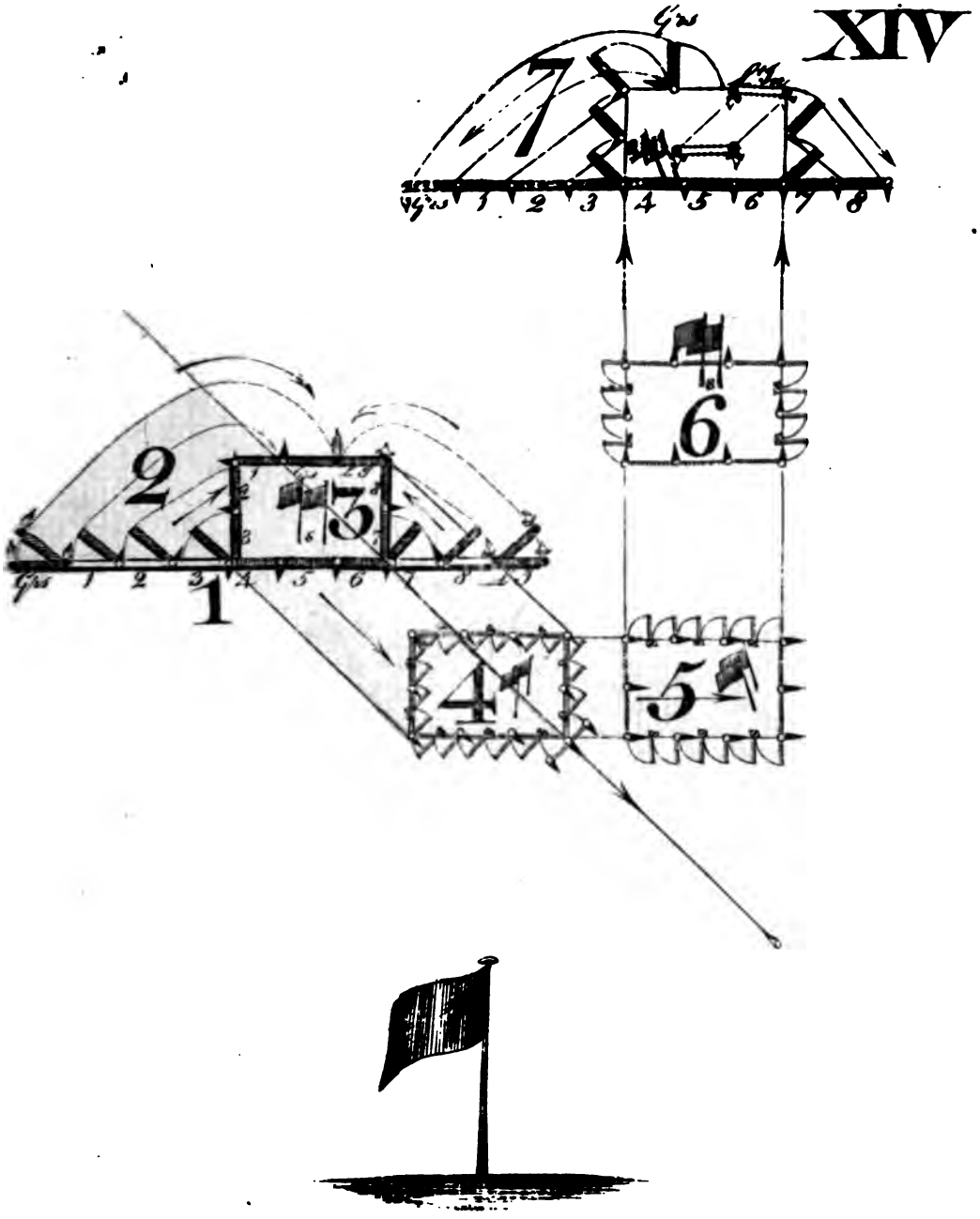

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## XV.* *Retiring in Line and Filing to the Rear.*

| COMMANDING OFFICER. | | Section in K. R. | COMMANDS by Officers of Companies. | N°. of Positions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| The Line will Retire. - - - - - - | Right about Face, March. | 168 | | 1ſt. In Line Light Infantry in Front. |
| | Paſs Companies by Files. - - - - - - - | 175 | Left Turn. * Quick, March. - - | 2nd. Filing in quick time to Rear. |
| | Halt, Front. Left wheel into Line, † Quick, March. - - | | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | Laſt Halted and Wheeled into Line. |

(*) *Here the companies change from Ordinary to quick time without halting.*

(†) *Here the Light Company paſſes through to the rear.*

N. B. *In advancing (ſee 16 movement) as well as retiring by files, the Companies lead out from their proper right flank, unleſs particularly cautioned to the contrary in ſome caſes.*

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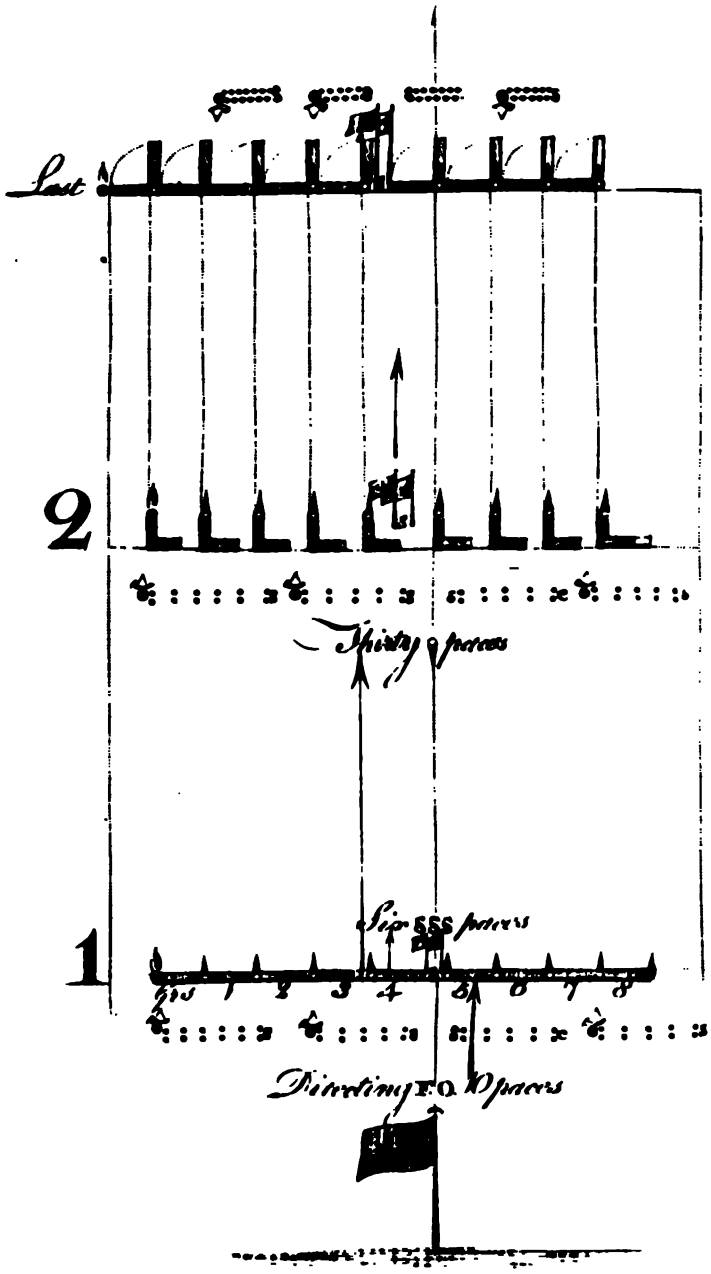
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## XVI. *Filing — Advancing and Charging to the Front.*

| COMMANDING OFFICER. | | Section in K. R. | COMMANDS by Officers of Companies. | N°. of Positions. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| The Line will Advance. - - - - - | March. - - - - | 166 | | 1ſt. In Line. Light Infantry in Front. |
| | Paſs Companies to the Front - - - - - | 175 | Right Turn, Quick, March. - - - - | 2nd. Filing in Quick time to the Front. |
| | Halt, Front. Right Wheel into Line. | | | |
| | Quick, March. - - | 118 | Halt, Dreſs. - - - | 3d. Wheeled on the Right into Line, light Infantry in Rear of each Wing. |
| The Line will Advance - - - - - - - | March. | | | |
| Advance by alternate | Left Wing, Halt. | | | |
| Halt Battalions - - | Right Wing, Halt. | | | |
| Right Wing - - - | Ready p'ſent Fire. | | | |
| Left Wing - - - | March, Halt. - - | 177 | | |
| | Ready P'ſent Fire. | | | |
| Left Wing will form Line on the Right Wing - - - - - - - | March. Halt. | | | |
| The Line will Advance, - - - - - - | March. Halt. | | | |
| Fire a Volley, - - | Ready, p'ſent, Fire. | | | |
| Advance - - - - | March. Halt. | | | |
| Fire a Volley and Charge, - - - - - - | Ready, p'ſent Fire. | | | |
| | Quick, March. Halt * | | | Laſt In Line. after Charging. |
| | Prime and Load. | | | |

(*) *Charge Bayonets at the Word halt. — In advancing by wings the left wing is firſt Halted, and Right wing moves on about* 15 *Paces, and then halts and Fires, Left wing repeats.*

*The* Ready, P'ſent, Fire *of the advanced wing, ſhould inſtantly ſucceed the* march *of the advancing wing, or the* Halt Front *of the retiring wing; If only two Deep both Ranks fire ſtanding — If three deep Rear Rank reſerves their Fire, ſee* 17. *movement for retiring.*

*Light Company ſkirmiſh in Front while the Battalion loads and then falls in.*

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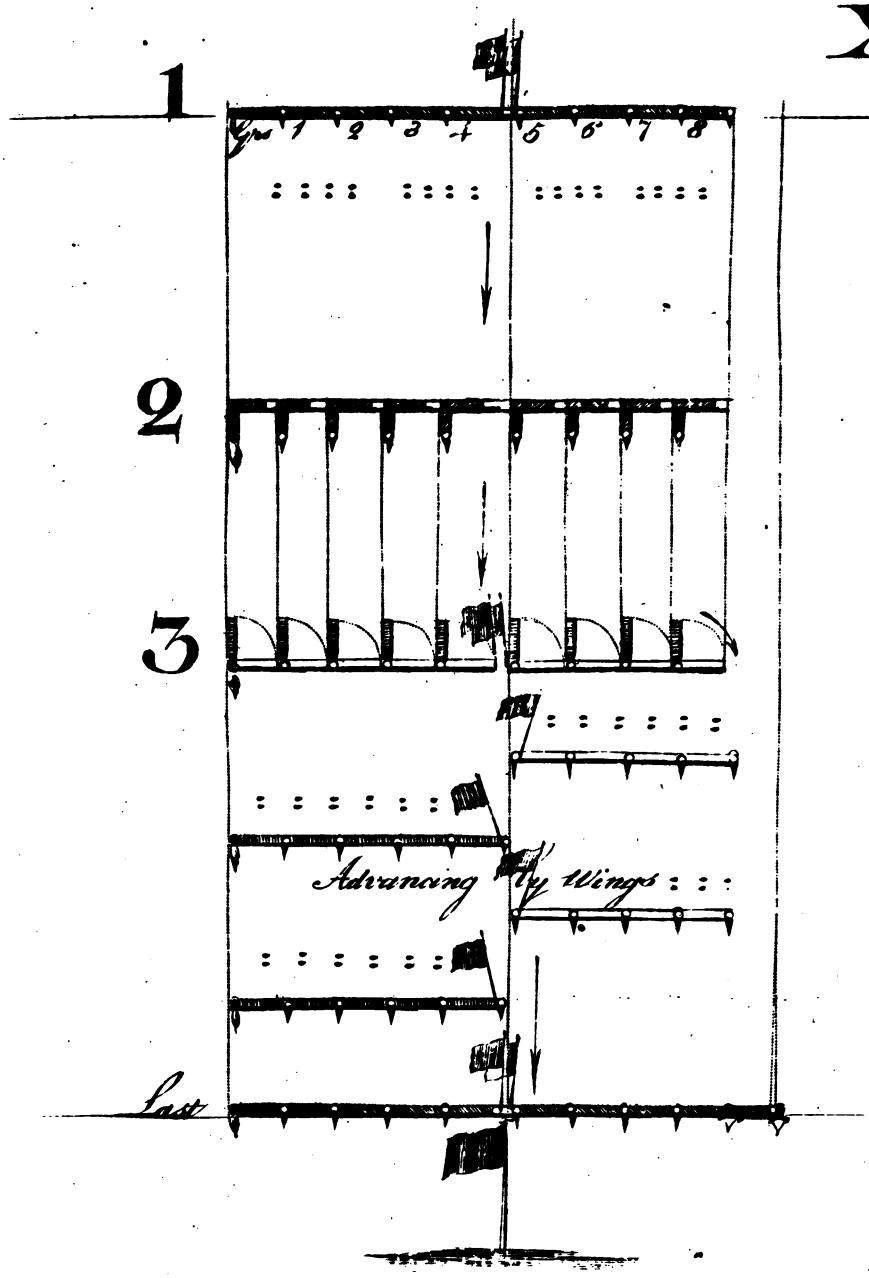
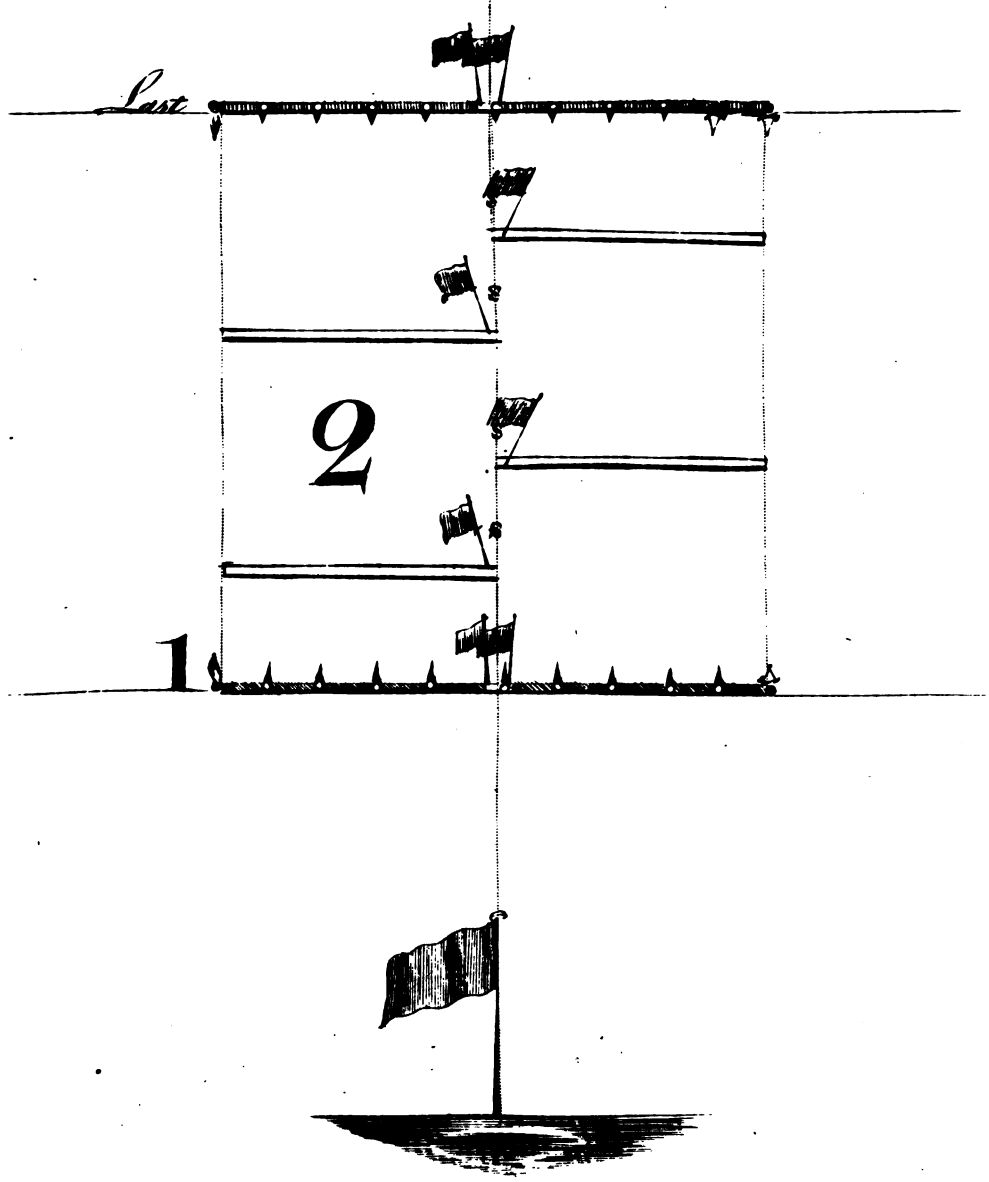


## XVII. *Retiring in Line and by Wings.*

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. R.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies* | *N°. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| The Line will retire, | Right about Face.<br>March. | | | 1ſt. In Line. |
| Retreat by Alternate left Battalions. - | Right Wing,<br>Halt, Front.<br>Left Wing,<br>Halt, Front, | | | 2nd. Retiring by Wings. |
| Right Wing - * | Ready, P'ſent, Fire.<br>Right about Face.<br>March, Halt, Front.<br>Prime and Load. | 177 | | |
| Left Wing - - * | Ready, P'ſent, Fire.<br>Right about Face.<br>March, Halt, Front.<br>Prime and Load. | | | |
| Form Line on the Right Wing - - - - | March, Halt, Front. | | | |
| The Line will retire. | March, Halt, Front. | | | Laſt in Line. |

(*) *Theſe words repeated four times by each of the Field Officers alternately, in retreating by wings the Right wing is firſt Halted, the Left wing is ſuffered to move on* 15 *Paces then Halted, on which the Right wing is fired, faced about, and marched to* 15 *Paces beyond Left wing then Halted, on which Left wing fires &c. ſee* 16 *th. Movement for advancing.*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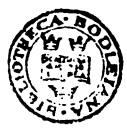
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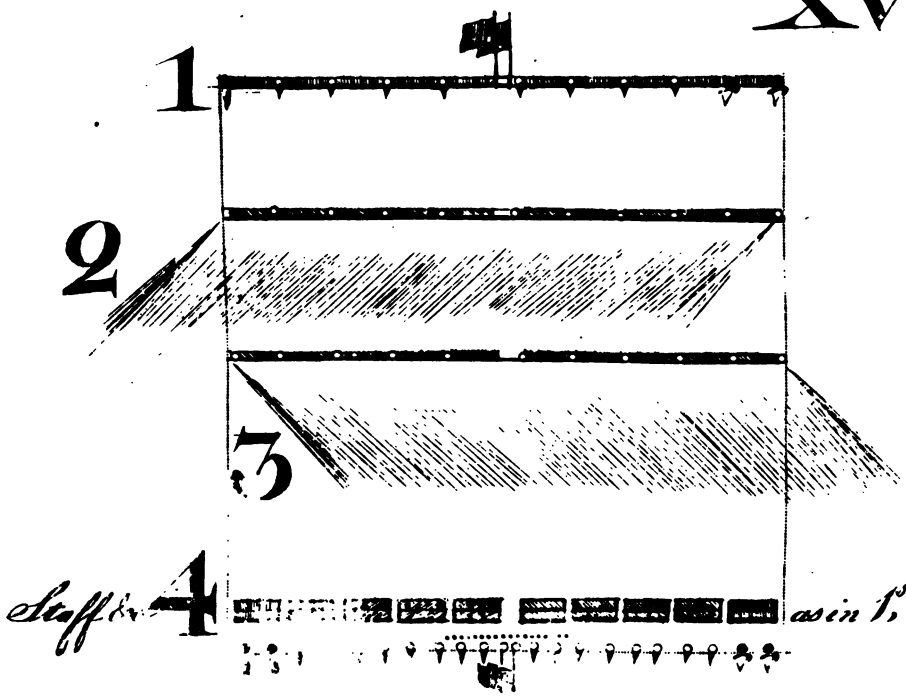
## XVIII. *Advancing in Line &c.*

| *COMMANDING OFFICER.* | | *Section in K. E.* | *COMMANDS by Officers of Companies* | *No. of Positions.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Caution.* | *Command.* | | | |
| The Line will Advance. - - - - - | March, Halt. | 166 | | 1ſt. In Line. |
| Fire a Volley Obliquely to the Right. - | * Ready, p'ſent, Fire. | | | 2nd. Firing to Right |
| Fire a Volley Obliquely to the Left. - - | † Ready, p'ſent, Fire. | | | 3d. Firing to Left. |
| The Line will Advance.- - - - - - - | March, Halt. | | | |
| Fire 2 Volleys to the Front and after the laſt, Port Arme, and Half cock. | Ready, P'ſent, Fire. } *Repeated.* Shoulder, Arms. Rear Ranks take open Order. March. | | | |
| Battalion - - - - | March. Halt. | | | |
| General Salute. - - | Preſent, Arms. Shoulder, Arms, Rear Ranks take cloſe Order, March. | | | 4th. The Battalion (having marched 50 paces in open Order) Halted Saluting. |

(*) *In the oblique firing and in the volleys the front Rank kneels if 3 Deep -- Muſic will Play when advancing, in open order to ſalute.*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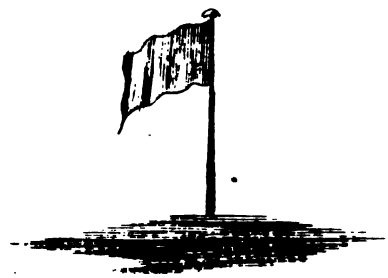

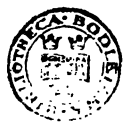
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# EXTRACT

## *From Page 328 & 329 K. R.*

THE number of paces mentioned in the ſeveral movements are not poſitively preſcribed, but are ſuppoſed to be nearly ſuch as will give the intended relative ſituations. --- If the ground allows the marches to the rear and front to be longer, it will be ſo much the better.

No improper pauſes ſhould be made betwixt the connected parts of the ſame movement. --- The detached points neceſſary in formation ſhould be timeouſly prepared and given.

The advance of the battalion ſhould inſtantly ſucceed the forming of the line; and when it arrives and halts at the point where it is to fire, the firing ought inſtantly to commence at the world Halt; for, the battalion having been apprized during the march, of the nature of the required firng, no improper delay need therefore be made.

The greateſt care is to be taken by the officers and under-officers in the rear ( whoſe principal attention this is ), that the rear ranks are well locked up in the firings, and that in loading they do not fall back.

The line, if retiring, halts, fronts, at one command and inſtantly begins firing, having been apprized during its movement of the nature of the firing.

The pauſe betwixt each of the firing words *Make Ready*, *Preſent*, *Fire*; is the ſame as the ordinary time, viz. the 75th. part of a minute, and no other pauſe is to be made betwixt the words.

In firing by *Companies by wings*. --- Each wing carries on its fire independent, without regard to the other wing, whether it fires from the centre to the flanks or from the flanks to the centre. If there are five companies in the wing, two pauſes will be made betwixt the *fire* of each, and the *make ready* of the ſucceeding one. --- If there are four companies in the wing, three pauſes will be made betwixt the *fire* of each, and the *make ready* of the ſucceeding one. --- This will allow ſufficient time for the firſt company to have again loaded, and ſhouldered at the time the laſt company fires, and will eſtabliſh proper intervals between each.

In firing by *Grand Diviſions*, three pauſes will be made betwixt the *fire* of each diviſion, and the *make ready* of the ſucceeding one.

In firing by *Wings*, one wing will make ready the inſtant the other is ſhouldering. --- The commanding officer of the battalion fires the wings.

In firing companies by *Files* each company fires independent. --- When the right file preſents, the next makes ready, and ſo on. --- After the firſt fire, each man as he loads comes to a recover, and the file again fires without waiting for any other: the rear rank men are to have their eyes on their front rank men, and be guided by, and preſent with, them.

In general, after the march in front, and halt of the battalion, company or platoon firing ſhould begin from the centre, and not from the flanks. --- In other caſes, and in ſucceſſive formations, it may begin from whatever diviſion firſt arrives, and halts on its ground.

The intention of fixing upon ſome of the moſt eſſential infantry movements, and thus ordering them to be executed by each battalion when ſeen ſeparately, is, that thereby the *Inſpecting General* may be enabled to report the more minutely and comparatively, on the performance by each battalion, of the great leading points of movement.

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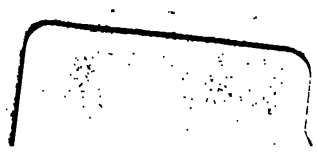
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